

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 605 - HB 781

February 22, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the definition of “material” under title 39, chapter 17, part 10, for purposes of sexual exploitation of children, to include any computer image, or computer-generated image, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-1002 defines “material” relative to the sexual exploitation of a minor offenses. The definition includes any picture, drawing, photograph, undeveloped film or film negative, motion picture film, videocassette tape or other pictorial representation as well as any image stored on a computer hard drive, a computer disk of any type, or any other medium designed to store information for later retrieval.
- The proposed legislation expands the definition of “material” to include any computer image, or computer-generated image, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means.
- Given the broad definition of “material” under current law, it is assumed that the new definition is covered by the current definition. Therefore, it is assumed that the proposed legislation will not significantly impact state incarceration costs.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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